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JOB PRINTING.

Book and Job Printing of every description neatly executed. Terms, cash on delivery of the work.

Fire Department.

Man is the only animal that has made fire his servant; and the fervent wish of every good citizen is that it may never become his master. There is however a faint probability that the latter might be the case if the Fire Department of this city became much reduced; and there is something more than a probability that the department is in a languid condition. There are three companies in the city: The Deluge and Tiger Engine Companies, and the Hook and Ladder Company. According to the Fireman's Amendment Act, the full force of a company, in active firemen, cannot exceed sixty-five men. That is the limit fixed by law. The actual force—the total number of active firemen in the three companies, does not exceed eighty men—not half the number necessary to put the department in a high state of efficiency. It is even rumored that the Hook and Ladder Company have it under contemplation to disband, owing to reduced members and correspondingly increased dues. The Tiger Company are in difficulties likewise. The cause of the reduction in the members of the department is put to the account of the unusual burdens laid upon firemen here, in comparison with other countries where Volunteer Firemen exist. Here they have to do jury duty, pay road taxes, pay the rent of engine house, keep a steward to look after the property, and at every alarm turn out as firemen or at stated period for drill. We confess that the burdens heaped on the firemen, taken all together, are rather weighty, and when coupled with the fact of an actual and prospective reduction of the force, the question of reform in the Fire Department is an important one, deserving the immediate attention of the Municipal as well as the Colonial authorities. A remedy, and an immediate remedy is required, and ought to be applied at once. It is primarily, and of a right, the duty of the City Council to deal with the matter and see that the lives and property of our citizens are guarded by every reasonable protection against loss by fire. Insurance companies may afford one kind of protection; but it is to the Fire Companies that we look for the suppression of fires. But it is no use arguing the question, who put out fires? Every one understands that. The question to be dealt with, is, how the department can be made more efficient than it is now? The firemen have stated their reasons why the force is reduced; and they tell us how it can be increased. It is their wish that the entire department be placed under the control of the City Council. Next, they want a law passed to exempt them from jury duty. Then they desire the City authorities to provide engine houses at the public expense. Whatever other financial burdens may be necessary they are disposed to bear them by the payment of monthly dues; and are persuaded that if these reforms be instituted, that the department would soon be restored to its former efficiency. We confess that we can discover nothing in their demands that might not be granted. The City authorities are the proper functionaries to have under their charter the supreme control of the Fire Department. To protect the property of citizens is a first duty of a corporation. The exemption from jury duty might very well be granted. The restriction against the increase of each company beyond sixty-five members makes it impossible for men to shirk jury duty by becoming firemen. The late increase in our population renders jury duties lighter than they were a year ago; and as a matter of course the city is better able to grant an exemption to a public spirited body of men who hold themselves in readiness at any moment to run to the rescue of their neighbors. Imposing the rent of engine house on the firemen, is a little too bad. Firemen in common with others, may have property to protect; but why they should bear all the expense of protection, is something that we cannot comprehend. We feel as unwilling to increase civic taxes as any one; but we certainly would regard the money as legitimately spent if devoted either to building engine houses or to paying the rent of them. It is a very wrong principle to exact from private individuals, what ought to be raised by public contribution. When the principle works a public injury and a common danger, we repudiate it, and ask the City authorities to take up the question of reform in the Fire Department, and deal with it at once.

THE CARIBBOO MAIL.

We have called the attention of the Government over and over again to the pressing necessity for reasonable mail facilities being established between this city and Cariboo. The link between here and New Westminster is the best on the route; but even that admits of improvement; yet it might be borne with some degree of tranquillity if there were reasonable facilities provided above that point. At present the mails go up to Douglas and Yale when the river steamers go, or more correctly speaking when Deitz & Nelson's Express goes. By Post Office regulation it goes up every week; but these enterprising expressmen go often, and carry the mail in name along with them. From Douglas to Lillooet the express carries the mail. The postage on a letter by mail is twenty-five cents from New Westminster to Lillooet; and it is alleged that this heavy rate stops correspondence. Even the expressmen, who are the real mail carriers, find that their business is injured by high postage rates; for the government exacts the letter postage on every letter they carry. Moreover, private parties invariably bring down and carry up packets of letters in defiance of law and postal regulations, simply because the high postage and expressage make it an object. The route from Yale to Lillooet is the same predicament as from Douglas to Lillooet. To Williams Lake from New Westminster letter postage is fifty cents; to Antler Creek, \$1. The rate is exorbitant, and the semi-monthly mail in summer an absurdity.

To expressmen, either up or down, the public are mainly indebted for the transmission of letters and papers; and such will continue to be the case, except new mail facilities be provided—except the mail goes often, and the postage becomes cheaper. As it is the expressmen who have to charge a dollar extra on a letter from Cariboo, simply because the Government has obstructed the passage of free letters to that extent. The passage is monstrous. Better leave postal matters entirely to private enterprise than pile on a letter tariff that is unreasonably high. We learn that a postal commission, composed of Judge Begbie, Attorney General Osborn, and Postmaster General Spaulding, has been

named by the Governor. Whether those high functionaries have or have not reported a new and enlightened postal system, we know not. We do know, however, that the Government has made no announcement of the results of their deliberations. It is hoped, however, that when the new postal scheme is laid before the public, that we shall see something worthy of the country, and not a miserable, stingy, slow-coach affair, unworthy of the country, and answering no public end. What is wanted is a weekly mail to Williams Creek from Victoria, running over the Yale and Douglas routes, carrying letters between the extreme points for twenty-five cents per half ounce, and newspapers free. The Government is well able to afford such a convenience, and the public sincerely desire it.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUCTION.

THIS DAY,

Wednesday, Feb. 11,

At 11 o'clock, A. M.,

J. A. McCREA,

WILL SELL

AT SALESROOM, ON WHARF ST.

BALANCE OF THE

Stock of Retailer!

—CONSISTING IN PART OF—

Candles, Butter, Lard, Cheese, Tea,

Currants, Oregon Bacon, Soap,

Peaches, Dried Apples, Pigs

Feet, Oatmeal, Hominy, Buck-

wheat, Sugar, etc.

—ALSO—

5 cs Coal Oil;

20 kegs Boston Syrup;

10 bbls Baker's Extra Flour;

14 bxs English Sperm Candles. fell

AUCTION.

FRIDAY, Feb. 13th,

At 11 o'clock, A. M.,

J. A. McCREA,

WILL SELL

AT SALESROOM,

On a Liberal Credit,

ENGLISH

CLOTHING

For acct. of whom it may concern

DAMAGED!

—ON—

VOYAGE OF IMPORTATION

—IN ORDER—

One Bale, 142 pr Grey Blankets.

—IN ORDER—

Pilot, Doeskin, and Fancy Tweed Pants

Sac, Pea and Reefing Jackets;

Blue Pilot Overcoats;

Silk, Cloth, and Fancy Vests;

Boys' Clothing;

Men's and Boys' Caps;

Dressing Gowns;

Felt Hats;

Sou-Westers;

Shawls, etc., etc.

TERMS AT SALE.

John Bull Hotel.

A "FREE AND EASY"

THIS EVENING.

FOR SALE;

BY VIRTUE OF THE CONDITIONS

of a Mortgage Deed to me executed by Messrs.

Clear, Hattie & Blanket, I offer for sale the property

known as the ROYAL CHARTER RESTAURANT,

situated on Fort Street, consisting of

Buildings, Stock and Furniture,

Together with everything connected with said Restaurant.

E. H. PRINDLE,

Mortgagee

Dated February 10th, 1862.

Board of Delegates.

A MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL

take place this Evening at halfpast Seven

o'clock P. M., in the Union Hook and Ladder

House. Punctual attendance requested.

J. S. DRUMMOND,

Secy. Fire Department.

To the Admirers of Fine Arts.

THREE VERY ANCIENT OIL PAINTINGS

by the famous painter, Raphael, will be

sold to-day, 11th February, by Mr. J. A. McCreA,

on Wharf street, to the highest bidder, for cash.

NOTICE.

I HEREBY CAUTION THE PUBLIC

not to honor any order given by my partner, Mr.

Simon & Everard, for goods on account of the Firm of

SIMPSON & EVERARD, as I have always paid

and will in future pay ready money for all that may

be required on the Firm account.

fell 1m

G. L. SIMPSON.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

Messrs GORDON & HARVEY.

Lessees

J. S. PORTER. Acting and Stage Manager

Wednesday Eve, Feb. 11,

THERE WILL BE NO PERFORMANCE

at the Theatre this evening, in consequence

of extensive preparations for a

GREAT BILL

ON

THURSDAY EVENING February 12th,

fell 1d

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PAPER HANGINGS!

TO-MORROW,

THURSDAY, Feb. 12th, 1863,

At 7 P. M.,

J. CORIN

WILL SELL

By Auction,

AT HIS SALESROOM, FORT STREET,

2,500 pieces of WALL PAPER,

In lots of from 20 to 30 pieces.

The Goods are now on view. fell

METROPOLITAN

LODGING HOUSE

YATES STREET,

OPPOSITE WELLS, FARGO & CO.'S.

MRS. IMMEL.

HAVING GREATLY ENLARGED

the above Lodging House, is now prepared to

accommodate

One Hundred Persons.

LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S PARLORS

Rooms per Week, from \$2 to \$7.

Lodging per Night, from 40c to \$1.00.

Families Accommodated in the best style

fell 1m

J. S. SOUTHGATE & CO.,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS

Union Wharf,

VICTORIA, YANCOUVER ISLAND

And Battery street, San Francisco, California.

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R. BRODRICK,

Coal and Commission

MERCHANT,

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HAS CONSTANTLY ON HAND A LARGE

supply of the BEST QUALITY OF

DRY SCREENED COAL

Suitable for DOMESTIC and all other purposes,

the lowest rates. Delivered to any part of the City

at an hour's notice, free of charges for dray hire or

portage.

Orders to be left at the Office, Union Wharf.

Goods stored at moderate rates, and a

general Commission and Forwarding Business transacted.

Union Wharf, 10th Oct., 1862. fell 1m

FOR SALE,

MAHOGANY PLANK—ST. DOMINGO—

VERY DESIRABLE WOOD.

MAHOGANY BOARDS—Bay Wood and

Domingo—1 inch. 1,500 feet.

BEST CULLED HAIL—3,500 LBS.

SHORT DO—3,500 do

SPANISH HOSK, 3,000 do

FEATHERS—Best live Geese 300 do

DO Ordinary, 750 do

MIRRORS—Gilt, Mahogany and Rosewood—all

Sizes, Oval and Square Shapes.

SHOW CASES—On hand, and made to order.

SPRING MATTRESSES—Made to order.

PULP—By the Bale.

—ALSO—

A General Assortment of

Furniture and Bedding,

Wholesale and Retail.

No charge for delivering goods in the city.

PIERCE & SEYMOUR,

BROAD STREET,

fell 1m

A. J. BRUNN

FASHIONABLE

And Outfitter,

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ALEXANDRE'S KID GLOVES, FINE LINEN

COLLARS, WHITE AND FANCY NECK

TIES, SCARFS AND HANDKERCHIEFS.

Firemen's White Buckskin Gloves.

FIREMEN'S RED UNIFORM SHIRTS.

JOCKEY AND REGATTA CAPS.

SCOTLAND'S best Balmal and Gleanary Caps,

with and without Fringes.

Fine and Heavy Clothing.

For Dress, Travel and Work.

FASHIONABLE HATS AND CAPS.

Water-Proof Clothing, Hats & Laggings.

White and Baltic Shirts, Braces and Hosiery.

Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings and Tailors' Trimmings.

Patent Washable Buttons.

Call at BRUNN'S Fashionable Store, Colonist

building, Government street. fell 1m

WALFORD A. HARRIES,

Estate, House and General Agent.

Office 36 Government street, Victoria, V. I.

LOANS NEGOTIATED AND MONIES

lent on Mortgage of Freehold and Leasehold

and Suburban Lots and Building Plots in the City

for sale or lease.

Conveyances, Leases, Mortgages, Contracts, Powers

of Attorney, and Deeds of every description

accurately prepared and properly executed.

Persons having Property, Dwelling Houses, or

Business Premises to sell or let, are invited to

refer particulars with Mr. Harries, no charge being

made unless business is duly earned. fell

NOTICE.

MR. CHIPP,

Surgeon and Accoucheur,

M. R. C. S., England; L. S. A., London;

Government Street.

HIS OFFICE AND RESIDENCE IS

at the rear of Franklin Bros. Pass down the

passage, second door on the left.

PRACTICAL DENTISTRY. fell

ALBION SALON,

Cor. Waddington alley and Yates st.

PERRETT & TIGHE, Proprietors

THE BEST OF

Liquors, Ales, Wines & Cigars

dispensed at this house.

HOT LUNCH DAILY.

OYSTERS IN EVERY STYLE

fell 2d 1m

PERRETT & TIGHE.

MILLINERY.

MRS. HEIN,

Government street, opposite the Victoria Theatre,

KEEPS ALWAYS ON HAND

A well-selected Stock of Millinery:

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P. M. BACKUS will sell at 11 o'clock a. m., at saleroom, Carpenters and Blacksmiths' Tools, such as Augers, Saws, Chisels, Anvils, Vices, Nails, etc., etc.

LANCASHIRE RELIEF FUND.
[SUBSCRIPTION RECEIVED AT THIS OFFICE.]
February 10th, St. David's Benevolent Society, per James Williams and T. D. Price, £130 10s 6d.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.
Thursday, Feb. 10, 1863.
House met at 3:45 p. m. Present: The Speaker, and Messrs. Tolmie, Franklin, Ring, Burnaby, and Trimble.

RAILWAY RAILWAY.
Mr. Burnaby introduced a petition from the Victoria and Central Railway Company, signed by their agent, Mr. Drake, asking permission of the House to withdraw the Railway Bill from their consideration during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Franklin it was resolved that leave be granted, and the same referred to the Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Burnaby introduced a Bill to establish the decimal system in the employment of stamps under the Stamp Act, 1862. It intimated that a bill of this kind was formerly introduced by the late Mr. Tolmie, but was not passed.

It was read a first time.
The two Bills of Supply voted by the House in Committee of the Whole, passed a first reading.

INTELLIGENCE.
The House went into Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to constitute inferior Courts of Civil Justice, which passed with one dissent.

The Committee reported the bill complete, and the Speaker having read the report, the House adjourned until this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

DROPPED DEAD.—A case of awfully sudden death happened yesterday morning, at the Hotel de France, in this city. A young man named Maximilian Fischer, who was employed as an extra waiter in the establishment, was in his usual health and spirits and had been attending to his duties in the Saloon a moment before his death took place.

He had just sat down to partake of breakfast and instantly fell dead, apparently in the arms of his waiter, Mr. Davis. He was immediately summoned and promptly attended but medical skill was of no avail for the poor fellow expired in a few minutes after the doctor arrived. Dr. Dickson was called in to examine the body and found that death had already taken place at the time of his death and no human power could be of any service. Dr. Davis is of opinion that "congestive apoplexy" was the cause of death.

The Coroner directed Mr. Haggis to make a post mortem examination of the body last evening, and the inquest will take place this morning at eleven o'clock. Deceased was a native of Germany, having been born at Baden, where his relatives still reside. He was twenty-two years of age, and was a single man. He formerly lived in San Francisco, where he acted as waiter in one of the hotels. He came to this country in January, 1862, and shortly after to New Westminster, where he was employed as waiter at the end of the year. Since that time he has been living in this city, and has acted as an extra waiter when called upon by any of the hotel keepers. We understand he was a man of good character.

COMEX ROAD.—From Mr. Munro, who has just returned from Nanaimo, we learn that of the road from that place to Comex, 20 miles are already completed. The route follows the coast line very closely, and so far as the Qualicum River passes through dense forests. It is, however, remarkably level throughout, but two hills occurring on that portion of the road. A bridge, about 350 feet in length, over the Nanaimo River will be required, and there are several streams of considerable width on the way. Game is reported to be so very abundant that the road parties are living upon venison and wild geese, to the no small economy of their provisions. About eighteen inches of snow lay upon the ground when Mr. Munro was here, but the men and the animals of the laborers had not been suspended in consequence. On the Qualicum River, Capt. Stuart, of the Hudson Bay Company's service, has a ranch. The entire road, bridging included, Mr. Munro expects to have completed about the first of May, though the terms of the contract do not bind him to have the same finished before the end of the month. By that time a traveler will be able to proceed on horseback from Victoria to Comex.

NEW BRITISH COLONY.—It is stated in an Irish paper, the Dublin Daily Express, that the Duke of Newcastle, the Colonial Secretary of State, contemplates forming a new Province on the east side of the Rocky Mountains, out of the immense territory at present under the sway of the Hudson's Bay Company, and used by them exclusively for the purpose of trapping and hunting.

The Hon. John A. Macdonald, late Premier of Canada is mentioned as likely to be the person to whom the government of the new Crown Colony will be entrusted. In the event of Mr. Macdonald's acceptance of the valuable appointment, he would make the second Canadian statesman whose talents had received a fitting recognition at the hands of the Imperial Government. His predecessor in the office of Premier, Mr. Hincks, is Governor of one of the West Indian Islands.

ASSAULT.—Lewis Domingo, a Mexican, appeared before the Police Magistrate yesterday morning, to answer a charge of assault preferred against him by a fellow countryman named John Harman. The complainant swore that he had some dispute with the other party about the repayment of some money which he had borrowed, and that the prisoner, Domingo, had struck him with one hand and struck him with the other, scratching his face. The accused admitted the charge and was sentenced to a fine of \$3, in default fourteen days imprisonment.

THE APPROACHING CONCERT.—We had the pleasure last evening of being present at the concert of the Eufonia de Paris, who are engaged in preparing for the approaching concert under the direction of Mons. Sandrie, one of our ablest musicians. There is something very grand and elevating in the patriotic songs and hymns which were the subject of the night's practice, and we shall be greatly mortified if the approaching concert should be by one of the most brilliant ever given in Victoria.

THE THAMES.—We learn that the steamer Thames, which according to our contemporary, was to have played such a conspicuous part in the Confederate plot, will probably be converted into a sailing vessel. Her owners have under consideration a project for rebuilding her machinery and screw, and substituting masts of a more suitable character for those which she at present possesses.

FROM COWICHAN.—The schooner Rebecca, with 40,000 lbs of lumber from Mr. Seward's mill at Cowichan, arrived yesterday morning. Though an American vessel, she made this trip by the special permission of the Harbor-master, who gave her a clearance on representations being made to him that no British consular service for the purpose was available at the time.

SHOEMAKERS WANTED.—It appears by the Puget Sound Herald that there is not a shoemaker in Stellacoom or its neighborhood. The people there feel the want of one very much, and the opening for a tradesman of that kind is represented as a good one.

ARRIVED.—The British ship Julia, Capt. Freeman, arrived yesterday morning at this port from London, with 52 passengers and a large cargo of general merchandise on board. She left Graveyard on the 17th of September last, and was 145 days on the voyage. The trip was an exceedingly pleasant one, as during the whole time the vessel has been out she did not experience the loss of a single spar from the violence of the wind. There was no sickness on board on the way, and the passengers express themselves well satisfied with the treatment they received. The officers and men were spoken approvingly of by the passengers. The vessel lay in Port Townsend from Saturday evening till Monday morning, when she weighed anchor and set sail for this port. The passengers were hospitably treated by the inhabitants of Port Townsend. There were several ships spoken on the voyage bound for England and by one letter were sent home when the Julia was near the Equator. The passengers generally are young men and what has never happened here before, they are all natives of England. The Julia Anderson is engaged to go out for the ship this morning and bring her to this port. The passengers are Messrs. Tolmie, Green, and Rhodes, who are the Consignees.

WEAKENING.—Our contemporary rather weakened yesterday over the Confederate commodore with the commission in his pocket. With all the facts in a huge letter with the description of the commodore, color of his hair, shape of his nose, greenness of his eyes, price of his coat, the pocket in which the commission was lodged, and his corsair air—it is wonderful that a manly excitement was not made. With the affirmative of the argument and pious facts, how easy might have been demolished except for one thing, and that was, that no Confederate commodore ever had been here. We have always had lots of Confederates here, but no commodore among them. Had one of the latter, no doubt a big Sticks canoe would have hoisted the flag of Jefferson Davis long ago, and skinned all the Siwashes in this northern region. But we shall not be hard upon the Commodore. It is published that the commodore's commission, with a picture of that immortal pocket.

SPORTS OF THE SEASON.—A number of persons availed themselves yesterday of the beautiful frosty weather, to enjoy the favorite pastimes of sliding and skating. Parties bent upon indulging their taste for this recreation visited nearly every suitable place of water in the vicinity of Victoria; but Swan Lake, the swamp at the upper part of View Street, and the eastern extremity of James Bay, obtained the most patronage. The swamp on View Street was, however, most highly favored, as two young German ladies, who doubtless acquired the art in their native land, honored the spot with their presence, and excited the admiration of the beholders by their graceful evolutions upon the ice in anything but convenient and appropriate slates.

SINGULAR INCIDENT.—The body of a young man, who died suddenly at the Hotel de France yesterday morning, remained warm near the heart and on the lower part of the stomach for six or seven hours after his decease. So continued were his friends that it was an instance of suspended animation, that about 7 p. m. Doctors Clejehna and Trimble were hurriedly summoned. They both, after examination, stated positively that he had been dead some hours. The non-rigidity of the limbs was the more remarkable, as the body had remained in a room without fire for several hours after the attack, which was the cause of death.

VICTORIA THEATRE.—The very fine drama of the "Rent Day" was produced at the theatre last evening, and the leading characters portrayed with much ability by Miss Mitchell and Mr. Waldron, who were exceedingly well supported by Miss Divine and the other members of the company. Between the pieces Miss Mitchell recited the "Fireman's Address" with great spirit, and was loudly applauded. The night's performance brought to a conclusion by the representation of the very laughable farce of "Rival Pages," in which the principal part of the company appeared, and rendered their several parts with the happiest effect.

THEATRICAL.—On the Enterprise this morning go to New Westminster a portion of the theatrical troupe composed of Messrs. Wood, Cranahall, Mortimer, Graham, Seale, Misses Carrie Howard and Nettie Sager. They intend to make a short stay at "the Capital." We bespeak for them a kind reception, as they are well worthy of support. Some of them are old favorites with the New Westminsterians. The company are under the management of Mr. Cranahall, whose merits as an actor and play-writer are too well known to require praise.

PANORAMA.—The proprietors of Morrison's Panorama leave to-day by the Enterprise for New Westminster, where they intend exhibiting their magnificent panorama for a few nights. In late papers from Portland, &c., the exhibition is exceedingly well spoken of, and described as having given great satisfaction to all who have seen it. It was so well liked that many went to see it a second time. On the proprietors return from New Westminster the citizens of Victoria will be offered an opportunity of witnessing the panoramic views, which are nearly eighty in number.

STREET FIGHT.—We noticed yesterday a workman's cart stuck fast in a slough, on Douglas street, that is caused by a quantity of water running from some premises near by. Allowing bodies of water to run on the thoroughfare in such manner as to interrupt the traffic is especially forbidden by the Ordinance on Nuisances. The matter should receive the attention of the city authorities.

THE NEW CISTERN.—The excavation for the new cistern at the corner of Yates and Douglas streets that is being made under the direction of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, is steadily progressing, having been sunk already about five feet. We may observe that the contractors having this in hand are about the only persons who comply with the Municipal Ordinance, by fencing in their obstruction to the highway and placing lights as required by law.

CORRECTION.—We inadvertently stated in our last issue from the authority of the San Francisco Herald, that H. B. M. corvette Mutine was by last advice at Mazatlan. We observe, however, that according to the better information of our contemporary, the ship was frozen in at Esquimaux, the day before yesterday.

FEDERAL EXPENSES.—The annual expenses of the United States Government on the Pacific coast are now \$7,000,000, while the revenues from all sources do not amount to \$5,000,000, leaving Uncle Sam minus \$2,000,000 at the end of the year.

SHIPMENT OF BREADSTUFFS FROM SAN FRANCISCO.—In the last half of 1862 there was 250,651 barrels of flour shipped from San Francisco, and in the year preceding that date, a total of 364,890 barrels were shipped from the port for consumption elsewhere.

SEIZURES.—Several seizures of small craft for attempting to smuggle goods, have recently been made by the U. S. cutter Shumaker, and towed into Port Angeles.

FROM NANAIMO.—The schooner Anellope, with 25 tons of coal from No. 3, arrived on Monday night.

NEWSPAPER SUSPENDED.—The Oregon Farmer has been compelled to suspend publication for want of sufficient patronage.

THANKS.—Our special thanks are due Mr. Crosby for late papers from the Sound.

DISCHARGING.—The schooner industry is at present discharging a cargo of prime cord-wood at Kavanagh & Co's wharf.

ARRIVAL.—The steamer Eliza Anderson arrived here yesterday morning from the Sound.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—The adjourned meeting of this association will take place to-day at two o'clock, for the election of officers.

AVOCATIONS OF THE PASSENGERS OF THE JULIA.—3 farmers, 1 merchant, 5 gentlemen, 1 pawnbroker, 1 confectioneer, 2 mailsters, 1 banker's clerk, 3 printers, 2 barmen, 1 saw maker, 1 cutter, 1 grocer, 2 plumbers, 2 gardeners, 3 engineers, 1 woodman, driver, 1 seaman, 1 butcher, 1 laborer, and 1 ship's steward.

Arrival of the Eliza Anderson!
We have just received the following news from the East. Nothing else of interest has transpired since last mail:
Bursdale tendered his resignation and was refused by the President.

A Confederate war steamer has captured and burned 5 vessels belonging to the Federalists off Cuba.
A Spanish war corvette is reported as having fired into the mail steamer of the U. S., off Cuba.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Jan. 27th.—Gen. Hooker has issued an order to the army, in which he says he orders upon the discharge of the army, with a just appreciation of the responsibilities. Since the formation of this army he has been identified with its history; he has shared with the soldiers its glories and reverses; with no other detachment than the relations might remain unchanged, and its destiny would be accomplished. He adds: "In the records of our achievements is much to be proud of; and, with the blessing of God, we will contribute something to the renown of our arms, and to the success of our armies. To secure these ends, the cheerful and zealous co-operation of every officer and soldier is required. In intelligence and valor the enemy is our inferior. Let us never hesitate to give him battle whenever we can gain an advantage."

New York, Jan. 28.—Special despatches state that a list of more than eighty armed officers has been prepared who are to be dismissed from the service for violating the army regulations by use of improper language in referring to their superior.

A letter in the Herald states that the acting master of the gunboat Hatteras, was ordered to board the strange steamer off Cape Fear, and that he did not shoot off a ship's pistol, but that the Alabama, in her first broadside, which was immediately replied to by the Hatteras. This occurred at dark. As the first broadside was exchanged, the vessels steamed ahead, side by side, exchanging broadsides as fast as the guns could be loaded and fired, and within a short distance of each other. He says the cannonade lasted thirty minutes. By hand pulling he came again in sight of the vessels and found them stopped. The vessels were now close together, the Hatteras, blowing off steam. He said he heard cheering from the Alabama, proving that the Hatteras had been carried by boarding. Deeming it best not to be taken prisoner, he turned the vessel in the direction of the squadron, and was picked up.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—A scene occurred in the Senate yesterday, owing to a lively discussion. Sausbury, of New Jersey, spoke disrespectfully of the President, and was taken in custody by the Sergeant-at-Arms. He displayed a revolver, and threatened to shoot the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Charges have been made that Simon Cameron attempted to bribe a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature by offering him \$20,000 for his vote in the late Senatorial contest. The matter is to be investigated by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, January 28.—In the Senate, Clark of New Hampshire offered a resolution expelling Sausbury for disorderly and turbulent conduct. Sausbury said he would acknowledge no disavowal, what is charged. Let proof be made to the Senate, and let the Senate act according to its own judgment.

CAIRO, January 28.—Steamer from Memphis arrived. Troops are being daily ordered to Milliken's Bend, just above Vicksburg.

New York, January 29.—The Times gives currency to a statement that Horace Greeley had entered into personal negotiations with N. Mercier for the promotion of French intervention. It says, unless we are mistaken, Greeley has held personal interviews with the French Minister, and has written him letters assuring him that the people are tired of the war, and they desire peace. Greeley's acknowledgments are not disavowed, what is charged. Let proof be made to the Senate, and let the Senate act according to its own judgment.

CAIRO, January 28.—Information received that McClernand's forces landed on the Louisiana shore, five miles below the mouth of the Yazoo. Two brigades were engaged opening the famous cut-off. The informant thinks that this time the work will be a perfect success.

The gunboat Wachusett arrived at Havana on the 23d, and immediately coaled up and started in pursuit of the Greaves.

New York, January 29.—Exchange 169, gold 54.

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., Jan. 28th.—An enthusiastic Union demonstration took place here yesterday: over a thousand loyal citizens of Arkansas were present. Speeches were made by Messrs. Jones, Wm. H. Daniel, and New York, Jan. 29th.—A Havana letter dated Jan. 24th, states that the pirate Orestes sailed from there on the 22d and captured and burned the brig Windward from Matanzas within four miles of the coast of Cuba. The cargo mostly belonged to Spanish merchants. On the 23d she burned the Corsair and the Maine, and soon after captured and burned two more brig.

A schooner which arrived at Havana reports that the last seen of the pirate ship was flying British flags, and steering for the Bahama Channel.

The New York steamer with mails and dispatches, returned to Havana, having been fired into while displaying the American flag by a Spanish man-of-war.

MATRIMONIAL DISPUTES.—At an ordination service held in Allox last night, Dr. Johnson of Lincolnshire, spoke as follows:—"When Sir David David was taken prisoner in India, the news of that event was brought to his mother. They told the old lady that her son had been taken prisoner and was chained to another man. 'Oh! she said, 'was he for the man that's chained to him? [loud laughter.] Sir David and his companions were bound by an iron chain. Other people were sometimes bound by what is called a silken chain, and I am afraid there is sometimes a little difficulty even in these pleasant cases. I am strange to know how many persons together, and bind them by almost any kind of tie without exciting them to fight. [Laughter.] A worthy lady that lived in Kincardine, in the house where Mr. Gardiner now resides, said to me thirty years ago, 'I've had a husband, and was saying that they never had a word in their lives. In my opinion that's a great loss. 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Also, 120 feet on Cormorant, below Government
street.
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For Sale.
THE UNDERSIGNED HAS BEEN IN-
structed to sell the following
STOCKS - A BARGAIN:
One Share in the Barclay Sound Copper Mining
Company.
One Share in the Fort Hope Consolidated Silver
Mining Company.
One Share in the British Columbia and Vancouver
Island Silver Mining Company.
One Original Share in the Bute Inlet Gold Company.
WILLIAM JEFFREY,
1st 11m* Broker,
Wharf and Government streets.

For Sale;
A FARM,
In Pedder Inlet, near Victoria,
including 204 ACRES OF LAND,
of which 80 acres are cleared. The land under
cultivation. Also, a Stabled House, 30 by 18 feet, and
a Kitchen, 20 by 12 feet, 2 chimneys in the house,
which contain 4 good rooms, Stables, Chicken
&c.; and a Barn, 42 by 30 feet. Clear title deeds.
Terms - Half down, and the balance on time.
For further particulars apply to
F. SWANWICK,
Next door to Nagle's Shipping Office, near Police
Court.
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To be Let on Lease,
ON GOVERNMENT STREET,
A DESIRABLE CORNER LOT 30 TO 100 FEET
Frontage on Government street, by 78 feet on
Broughton street.
A TWO-STORY DWELLING IN COURSE
of erection, with a well of good water on the
premises.
ON NORTH PARK STREET,
ELIGIBLE LOTS FOR BUILDING PURPOSES,
600 feet, for 25 years, on long lease.
For further particulars apply to
HENRY FRANKLIN & CO.,
Or to SHERMAN NATHAN,
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To New Arrivals.
FOR SALE.
A NEATLY FINISHED COTTAGE
and Garden.
Apply to
J. CORIN, Auctioneer,
Fort street.
1st 11m*

Fruit Trees and Seeds.
Balmoral Nursery Seed and Produce Depot,
Fort street, adjoining D. Lindsay's
Crockery Store.

THE PROPRIETORS OF THE BAL-
moral Nursery, Salt Spring Island, have
established a Depot in the above street, and have
now on hand a choice assortment of Fruit Trees,
&c. Also, Gooseberries, Currants, Raspberries,
Blackberries, and Strawberries, all of the best va-
rieties in cultivation. Also, all kinds of seeds,
Scotch in every variety, and of this year's growth.
For the benefit of Farmers wishing to dispose
of their produce, the proprietors are ready to re-
ceive consignments of Fruit, and to re-
commission. Consignments of Fruit received by
steamer from Llewellyn & Co. of Victoria.
The above Depot will be under the superinten-
dence of J. Degg, to whom all orders may be sent.
Cash orders from British Columbia, for Trees,
Seeds, Seed Grain, or other produce, will receive
prompt attention. Nelson or Barnard's Express
will receive and forward orders. 1st 11m*

MRS. BIGLEY
WISHES TO INFORM THE PUBLIC
that she has now open to an engagement as Sick
Nurse, or as Cook and Housekeeper.
Apply at the residence of Mr. E. Allan, north side
of Fort street, between Douglas and Blanchard.
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MRS. W. C. SHOOLBRED,

MILLINER, DRESS & CLOAK-MAKER

Has Just Received,
INDIA, FRENCH,
AND
ENGLISH BROCHE SHAWLS,
Children's Clothing and Ladies' Undergarments,
FORT ST. BET. BROAD & GOVERNMENT ST.
1st 11m

ROPER & COMPANY,

TO

CARIBOO MINERS!

ATTENTION IS CALLED TO OUR STOCK OF

Heavy Overshirts, Undershirts
AND DRAWERS,
English Clothing,
Waterproof Clothing!
HEAVY WHITNEY BLANKETS.
Blue Serge Overshirts from \$1 37 and
Upwards.
SERGE DRAWERS, 6 bits and Upwards!
LAMB'S WOOL UNDERSHIRTS!
7 bits and Upwards.
CALL AND SEE.

CORNER OF

FORT AND BROAD STREETS.

MISCELLANEOUS, SHIPPING

STEWART, MELDRUM & CO.

Commission Merchants,
VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND.

REFER TO
The Bank of British Columbia, Victoria, V.I.
Messrs. Falkner, Bell & Co., San Francisco.
Duncan MacKay, Esq., Messrs. MacKay, Esq.,
London.
W. L. Mackenzie, Esq., Chairman Bank of British
Columbia, London.
Alexander J. Stewart, Esq., W. S. Edinburgh.
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ENCOURAGE HOME INDUSTRY

F. FABRE & CO.

WILL Manufacture at the VICTORIA SOAP
WORKS, situated at Esquimalt, for the
WHOLESALE TRADE,
Commencing on the 1st of June, 1869,
No. 1 Chemical Olive Soap;
Family Lard Soap;
Extra Honey Toilet Soap,
AT SAN FRANCISCO PRICES.
WANTED, in exchange for our Soaps, all kinds of
Tallow, clean Grease, at Cash Prices.
Orders respectfully solicited.
W. M. G. HALL,
FRANK FABRE,
Victoria, 14th May, 1869.

G. VIGNOLO & CO., Wharf street, Sole Agents
for Victoria, V.I.

J. H. CORDING & CO.,

ASSAYERS

OF
GOLD, SILVER, COPPER

AND
ORES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION,
No. 16 Yates street, Victoria, V. I.

REFERENCES:
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London Stout.

150 CASES "RYANS" LONDON STOUT,
in 4-dozen cases, landing ex "Frigate
Bird," from London.
N. B. The attention of private families is particu-
larly directed to this choice lot of London Stout,
being very desirable packages.
Also--
50 CASES "PORTER OF THE VIC-
toria" Brand, in 4-dozen cases.
For sale, in lots to suit.
THOMAS PATRICK & CO.,
Corner of Johnson and Government streets,
Victoria, V.I., Jan. 14, 1869.

H. O. TIEDEMAN,

Civil Engineer and Architect.

HAVING LEFT THE LAND OFFICE,
SURVEY'S IN TOWN AND COUNTRY.
Also Plans of Buildings, etc., etc., on the shortest
notice.
Office next door to Nagle's Shipping Office near
the Police Office.
1st 11m*

To Real Estate Owners!

WANTED TO PURCHASE LOTS ON
FIGUARD, HERALD, YATES AND
KANE STREETS.
Apply to
HEAVEN & EVANS,
Fort street, bet. Wharf and Government sts.
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JOHN J. COCHRANE

Stock and Share Broker.

BUYS AND SELLS GOVERNMENT
and other Securities, negotiates the Transfer
of Railway Stock, and the purchase and sale of Shares
in all public Companies in the Colonies or England,
negotiates Loans on the deposit of Shares in any
proved or Public Companies, and transacts a Gen-
eral Stock and Share Business.
Has for sale 50000 of 0. British Columbia Govern-
ment Securities, in Debentures of £20 0 each, re-
deemable on 1st Dec. 1869, and 2nd Dec. 1869, and
bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum
payable half-yearly.
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CAUTION.

A ROBBERY OF NOTES OF
the Bank of British North
America has been committed on
my premises, the numbers of
which are known to me and for
the recovery whereof a Reward
has been offered, I therefore warn
all persons from taking any such
Notes, as I shall take legal pro-
ceedings for the protection of my
rights.
1st 11m*

L. D. LOEWENBERG.

REAL ESTATE AGENT,
No. 36, Exchange of Government street, between
Broughton and Fort streets.

WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO
selling, purchasing and leasing property, to
negotiating loans, and transacting everything con-
nected with Real Estate Business.
Has for sale all the different Districts on the Island may
be needed at this date. Parties desirous of purchasing
promptly to all orders left at the Stable, or at Mr.
Bullfinch's Boarding House, on nearly every street;
Parties or Gentlemen desirous of a chance for invest-
ment, conveyances, leases, &c., drawn up at reasonable
prices.
1st 11m*

HENDERSON & BURNABY

HAVING BEEN APPOINTED AGENTS
for the above Company, are prepared to issue Pol-
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HAVE

JUST RECEIVED

467

HANDSOME!

FANCY SCARFS.

--CO--

And Look

AT THEM.

GOVERNMENT STREET.

VANCOUVER ISLAND COLONY.

Public Notice.

ALL PERSONS HOLDING LAND IN ANY OF THE SURVEYED DISTRICTS
are notified that unless the instalments due by them are paid into the Land Office on
or before the FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY next, such lands will on that day be forfeited
and resold at Public Auction on the SECOND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1869.
Bona-fide settlers actually cultivating their farms and unable to pay in full, will be
allowed, if they show good reason to the Surveyor General, to pay a sum proportionate to
their ability. Application for this purpose must be made to the Surveyor General, person-
ally, on or before the Twentieth Day of JANUARY inst.
The Sections of land in respect of which instalments are due are stated in the Schedule
hereto, with the names of the persons who are believed to be the owners.
J. DESPARD PEMBERTON,
Surveyor General.

Office of Lands and Works, }
2nd January, 1869. }

VANCOUVER ISLAND COLONY.

Amount of Instalments, Exclusive of Interest, Due on Lands sold previous to
31st October, 1862.

AMOUNT DUE

FOR 25 CENTS, AND UPWARDS.

GIVE ME A TRIAL--IT IS ALL I ASK.
Having lately opened, and to suit the times, my
Light Profits, and Quick Returns,
1st 11m* W. H. GRANTON.

ROYAL EXCHANGE,

CORNER OF FORT AND BROAD STS.,

KEEP CONSTANTLY ON HAND A
choice supply of Ales, Wines, Liquors and Cl-
1st 11m* T. B. WILLIAMS.

PRIVATE BOARD

With or without Lodgings.

A FEW BOARDERS CAN FIND SU-
perior accommodations at reasonable rates, on
HARRINGTON ST., which turns out, Breakfast, and
Lunch, at the most moderate prices. The accommo-
dation is comfortable, and the charges are
very low. The proprietors are anxious to ob-
tain a few boarders, and the choice liquor may
always be had at the bar.
1st 11m* MRS. GRABLE.

DOUGLAS HOTEL

A SMYTH AND BROTHER HAVE
taken the Hotel, in Douglas, lately occupied
by Mr. Smyth, and have fitted it up in the most
comfortable and convenient manner. The Hotel
is situated in the best part of the city, and is
supplied with the best of everything in reason-
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ST. NICHOLAS

HOTEL!

GOVERNMENT ST.,

VICTORIA, V. I.

N. C. MATTHEIEN, }
P. MATTHEIEN, }
H. VALENTINER, }

THE CAPACIOUS AND ELEGANT
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Public Restaurant!

Connected with the Hotel, and a Ladies' Ordinary
also, containing Private Parlors, Saloons of Rooms
for parties, &c.

THE CULINARY DEPARTMENT

Is under the management of a first-class cook,
and the Bakery is provided with one of the cele-
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Lunch, at the most moderate prices. The accommo-
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LORD NELSON

Restaurant!

Store at, between Johnson and Cormorant,
will be open to the public
with the BEST of the market affords.
The Meals will be first class.
Board and Lodging per week.....\$7 00
Board and Lodging per week.....\$6 00
Single Beds, and Lodging per week.....\$4 00
SAM WOO, Proprietor.
1st 11m*

LOWE BROTHERS,

Commission Merchants,

VICTORIA,